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Re: Stark County Drug Take Back Day

Returning Saturday, September 24, 2016: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

[North Canton, OH.] The North Canton Police Department has joined once again with the Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery, Drug Free Stark County and the Opiate Task Force of Stark County, in cooperation with the Stark County Police Chiefs' Association are pleased to sponsor this collection day for Stark County residents to dispose of their expired, unused or unwanted prescription medications safely. This confidential program allows adults to drop off medications in all forms including pills, liquids, creams, as well as items such as syringes and tubing. Police officials will be on-site to collect the meds and dispose of them without harming the environment. This program is completely anonymous and no questions will be asked and no identification is needed. All meds will be accepted.

Since 2010, 27,356 pounds of unneeded or expired medication, as well as the safe disposal of used needles and other sharps, has been collected during Stark County's Drug Take Back Days. Through 2014, this successful collaboration was held on the national Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Drug Take Back Day in the fall and spring each year. In 2015, this effort became all local with help from Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery, Drug Free Stark County, Stark County Sheriff's Office, Tri-County Waste Management District, Stark County Police Chiefs' Association, Mercy and Aultman Hospitals, Republic Steel and Vail Packaging. Plans are to hold this event annually in the fall.

2016 Drug Take Back Day locations

Alliance Police Dept., 470 E. Market St., Alliance
Aultman Hospital, 2600 6th St. SW (Bedford St. Valet Circle), Canton
Fairless High School, 11885 Navarre Road SW, Navarre
Hartville Police Dept., 202 W. Maple St., Hartville
Jackson Township Safety Center, 7383 Fulton Drive NW, Massillon
Judge Eugene Fellmeth Safety Center, 1165 S. Locust St. NW, Canal Fulton
Louisville Police Dept., 1150 W. Main St., Louisville
Mercy Medical Center, 1320 Mercy Drive NW, Canton
Mohawk Valley Joint Fire District, 8285 Waynesburg Drive SE, Waynesburg
North Canton City Hall, 145 N. Main St., North Canton
(Enter parking lot off Ream Ave. NW for entrance to City Hall/Police Department)

Perry Town Center/Levin Mattress, 5119 W. Tuscarawas St., Canton
Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St. NE, Canton
Uniontown Police Dept., 1635 Edison St. NW, Uniontown
Village Hall, 110 N. Main St., Waynesburg

Participating Law Enforcement

In 2015, law enforcement from Alliance, Canton, Beach City, Brewster, Canal Fulton, Hartville, Jackson Township, Louisville, Magnolia, Minerva, **North Canton**, Perry Township, Uniontown, Waynesburg and the Stark County Sheriff's Department collected medications at this community-wide event.

For more information, please contact Fran Gerbig, Drug Free Stark County Coordinator at Fran.Gerbig@StarkMHAR.org.
